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Re: U.S. Patent No. US 7,125,907 B2
Issued: June 24, 2007
Title: Thiolactones
Patentees: Barbara S. SLUSHER *et al.*
Attorney Docket No.: 20595.171

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. a Request for Certificate of Correction Under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.322 & 1.323;
2. a Certificate of Correction (Form PTO/SB/44) (3 pages); and
3. a return postcard.

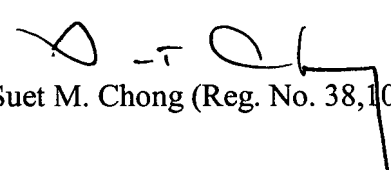
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Respectfully submitted,


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Enclosures



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent of:

Confirmation No.: 8933

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Art Unit: 1626

Patent No.: US 7,125,907 B2
(based on US 09/009,846)

Examiner: Susannah L. Chung

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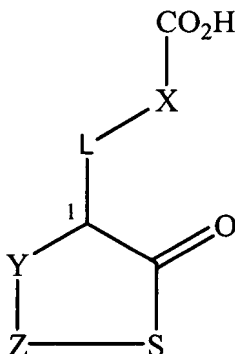
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.322 and 1.323, Patentees hereby request that a Certificate of Correction be issued reflecting the following changes.

At Column 32, lines 20-58, please amend claim 1 to read as follows:

1. A compound of formula I



or a pharmaceutically acceptable equivalent, an optical isomer or a mixture of isomers of the compound, wherein:

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X is C₁-C₄ alkylene, C₂-C₄ alkenylene, C₂-C₄ alkynylene, C₃-C₈ cycloalkylene, C₅-C₇ cycloalkenylene or Ar, wherein the alkylene, alkenylene, alkynylene, cycloalkylene or cycloalkenylene is unsubstituted or substituted with one or more substituent(s);

L is a bond, -CR¹R²-, -O-, -S-, -SO₂- or -NR¹-;

Y is -CR³R⁴-;

Z is -(CR⁵R⁶)_n-;

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Ar is a bivalent aryl or heteroaryl radical that is unsubstituted or substituted with one or more substituent(s); **and**

R¹, R², R³, R⁴, R⁵ and R⁶ are independently hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl or C₂-C₄ alkenyl, wherein the alkyl or alkenyl is unsubstituted or substituted with one or more substituent(s); [[:]]

~~R⁷ is hydrogen, phenyl, phenylethyl or benzyl wherein the phenyl, phenylethyl or benzyl is unsubstituted or substituted with one or more substituent(s); and~~

~~R⁸, R⁹, R¹⁰ and R¹¹ are independently hydrogen, carboxy, hydroxy, halo, nitro, cyano, C₁-C₄ alkyl or C₁-C₄ alkoxy;~~

~~provided that when the compound is of formula I, L is a bond and X is ethyl, then Y is not -CR³R⁴-.~~

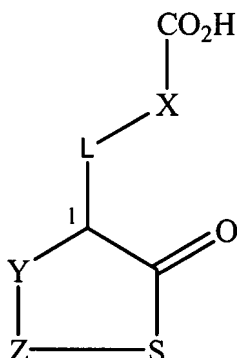
At Column 33, lines 8-11, please amend claim 5 to read as follows:

5. A method of treating peripheral neuropathy, comprising administering to a mammal in need of such ~~inhibition~~, treatment, an effective amount of a compound of formula I of claim 1.

At Column 33, line 12, through Column 34, line 21, please amend claim 6 to read as follows:

6. A pharmaceutical composition comprising:
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(ii) a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Patentees note that the correction to Claim 5 and the correction to Claim 6 at Column 34, line 6 (Y is -CR³R⁴—), are necessitated as a result of Patent Office errors in the printing of U.S.

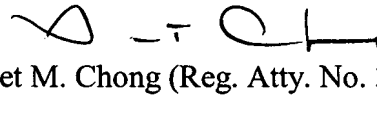
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Patent No. 7,125,907. Support for the correction to Claim 5 may be found on page 3 of the Supplemental Action attached to the Corrected Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due, mailed April 20, 2006. Support for the correction to Claim 6 at Column 34, line 6, may be found in the claims as originally filed.

Patentees note that the corrections to Claim 1 and the corrections to Claim 6 at Column 34, lines 10-20 are requested to remove text pertaining to chemical formulas that were removed previously from the claims. Authorization to charge fees associated with this request are given in the accompanying transmittal letter.

The Commissioner is invited to contact the Patentee's undersigned representative at 202-942-5849 to address any unresolved issues remaining in this patent.

Respectfully submitted,



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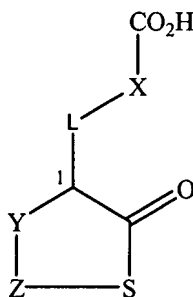
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PATENT NO : US 7,125,907 B2
APPLICATION NO. : 10/791,278
ISSUE DATE : October 24, 2006
INVENTOR(S) : Barbara S. SLUSHER *et al.*

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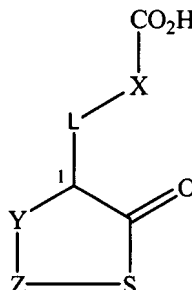
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